

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:**

Please revise the abstract as follows:

A pavement ramp edge maker, paving machine and related method are provided for generating a pavement edge ramp that is equal to or less than approximately 45° relative to a surface upon which the ramp is formed. ~~The ramp reduces safety problems relative to drop-off edges adjacent a non-paved area, and increases the life of the pavement by providing a compacted edge.~~ The edge maker generates a ramp that is partially compacted using a compaction member that is independently vertically movable against a bias during operation. When the pavement mat is compacted, the resulting ramp has an angle that is equal to or less than approximately 45° relative to a surface upon which the ramp is formed.

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